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Coronavirus Destination Update

INDIA

The coronavirus case count in India now stands at 52,952 cases, 15,266 recovered according to latest health ministry figures. Over 1,700 people have died due to the virus across the country.

On May 4, the government extended the nationwide lockdown, put in to contain the Covid-19 outbreak, by two more weeks till May 17. The extension will however see some relaxations which will be regulated based on the spread of the virus in the districts, identified as red (hotspot), green and orange zones. While some curbs will apply across the country, there will be considerable relaxations in districts in green and orange zones to revive economic activity that has been stalled during the tough restrictions in place since March 25. Private offices can operate with up to 33% employees present, with the remaining people working from home.

A limited number of activities remain prohibited throughout the country, irrespective of zones. Travel by air, rail, metro and inter-state movement by road will remain closed. Schools, colleges, hotels, restaurants; cinemas, malls, shopping centres, gyms and sports complexes will also stay shut. Gatherings -- social, political, cultural and religious will also not resume for now.

For the latest national updates you may visit https://www.mygov.in/covid-19/

It is fair to say, we have been keeping busy. Most of us are continuing to work from home and spending time on scenario planning, webinars, trainings and capacity building to be ready when travel resumes.

We continue to monitor the situation and your relationship managers remain available 24x7 to take your calls and assist you as required.